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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

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Examiner: C. Chang #23

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Serial No: 09/204,238

For: **MULTIPLE HETEROATOM CONTAINING HETEROCYCLIC RING COMPOUNDS
SUBSTITUTED WITH CARBOXYLIC ACIDS AND ISOSTERES THEREOF**

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

Applicants hereby request reconsideration of the holding of abandonment of the captioned application on the basis that there has been no abandonment in fact. The U.S. Patent & Trademark Office issued a Notice of Abandonment on March 21, 2001 stating that applicants failed to timely file a proper response to the Office letter mailed on July 27, 2001. However, applicants timely filed a Notice of Appeal to the Office letter on January 29, 2001 along with the requisite Three-Month Extension of Time (extending the time period for response to Saturday, January 27, 2000; accordingly a Response was timely filed on the next business day under 35 U.S.C. 21 and 37 C.F.R. 1.7). Courtesy copies of the filing receipt stamped January 29, 2001 and the Notice of Appeal are enclosed herewith.

Accordingly, applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the holding of abandonment of the captioned application. Applicants

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further request that prosecution of this application be reopened and the restoration of the pendency of this application.

The Commissioner is hereby specifically authorized to charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 14-0112 in connection with this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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